



GRASSROOTS ALERT FOR CRAFT DISTILLERS S. 362 and H.R. 1175

- The reduced FET will expire on December 31, 2019.
- In 2017, Congress enacted, for the first time, parity for craft spirits and provided a reduced Federal Excise Tax (FET) for distillers. Before the passage of H.R. 1 in December of 2017, it was a one-size-fits-all flat tax rate on large and small distillers; craft spirits producers previously paid 5.4 times more FET than craft brewers and 16.4 times more FET than small wineries for equal quantities of beverage alcohol.
- Legislation to permanently extend the craft FET rate has been introduced in the Senate and House.
- Craft distillers must call their Senators and Members of Congress now and ask them to co-sponsor bipartisan bills S. 362 and H.R. 1175.
- Distillers should also ask their Senators and Members to speak to the leadership of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee and ask that the FET bills be added to any tax legislation moving through the Congress.
- The tax relief is working, just as Congress believed it would.
- Craft distillers are re-investing in our businesses. We have hired new employees, purchased American made equipment, and increased purchases from local agriculture.
- The growth of craft distilling is supporting Main Street, small business job growth, exports, tourism, rural and urban America economic development, and locally sourced products, the vast majority of which are made and sourced in the U.S.

- The legislation further helps craft brewers, vintners, and cideries. This is the reason every major beer, wine, cider and spirits group has endorsed these bills.
- **Please call or e-mail your Congressman and Senators today and ask them to co-sponsor S. 362 (202-224-3121) www.senate.gov, and H.R. 1175 (202-225-3121) www.house.gov**